

# El Paso Zoo Education Program

## Traveling Safari Request Form

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Please fax or email this form to: Anne Langenfeld at fax number 915-521-1889. Please Note: Our administrative offices are undergoing renovation. If you do not hear from us within 2 working days of sending your fax or email, please call 532-8156 to confirm that your request has been received. We prefer that you cut and paste your information when sending it by email. You can find this form online at [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org). Go to the site index at the top of the page and scroll down to Traveling Safari. For regular mail send it to Zoo Education, 4001 E. Paisano, El Paso, Texas 79905. Please allow 5-10 working days for your program request to be processed. All requests are handled on a first come first served basis.

For more information:

1. Send e-mail to [elpasozoosociety@aol.com](mailto:elpasozoosociety@aol.com) (preferred method)
2. Or call 915-532-8156.

Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_ (30 days advance notice required)

Program Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested for the Program \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

First Alternate Date Requested for the Program \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Second Alternate Date Requested for the Program \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Program (see list below) \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you are making a special request for a program not listed, please give all the details of your request in the section below.*

Daytime Phone Number of Program Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (preferred contact information) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to be on our email list to stay informed with education news from the zoo? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** We can not be at your location for longer than 3 hours at a time. All live animal programs require climate controlled presentation areas. Please request programs with live animals early in the day so that live animals can be returned to the Zoo before 4pm. The latest time for a live animal program is 2pm. The maximum number of students per program is 40. We do not offer programs in non-classroom settings like Gymnasium career fairs. Each program is approximately 45 minutes long. For more information on other nature related presentations visit the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition from the site index at [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org).

Number of students \_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Program Location:

- ☐ At the Zoo  
☐ At our School

Name of School\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: For programs at schools please fax us a map along with this request form

**Need a program not listed? Please give details of your request here:**

Faxing or mailing this request? There is no need to fax or mail the pages below with your request.

## **Traveling Safari and Onsite Zoo Educational Opportunities**

*Four things every teacher in El Paso needs to know about the El Paso Zoo Education Program.*

1. All Zoo education programs requested by public and private schools, both on and off Zoo grounds are free. For more information call 532-8156 or visit [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org). For programs at the Zoo teachers should first make a reservation for their group at the Front Gate prior to requesting a program. Call the Front Gate at 521-1852.
2. Teachers are encouraged to arrange for meetings with Zoo Education staff to discuss ways schools can become more involved with the Zoo. For more information, call 521-1884.
3. Teachers are encouraged to arrange for teacher meetings and or special school events at the zoo. For more information, call 521-1884.
4. Teachers can sign up to get on the Zoo's e-mail or fax list to receive special news of interest to teachers throughout the year. To sign up visit [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org) or call 521-1884.

The following free education programs are presented throughout the year by zoo staff and volunteers. For information on admission fees and to make group reservations for school groups call 521-1852 or visit our website at [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org).

Traveling Safari brings the Zoo to you!! Invite the zoo to help you explore the world of animals and conservation. Live animal contact, animal bio-facts and age-tailored educational programs will involve your entire group. Traveling Safari is also a great way to introduce students to zoos and animals before a zoo visit. To see a list of animals that we take on Traveling Safari programs visit our website. **Please make your request for programs at least 30 days in advance.**

If you are planning a **field trip to the Zoo**, you can also arrange for an educational program before you arrive. We currently offer three daily programs at the Zoo. From 10:45am to 11:15am and at 2:45pm to 3:15 pm we have sea lion talks and training demonstrations in the new sea lion exhibit amphitheater. There is seating for about 150 people. If you are bringing a large group of students you should let the Zoo know you want your group to attend the program so that we can reserve seating for you. Also, everyday at noon we have a Asian elephant talk and training demonstration at the demonstration yard across from the orangutan exhibit.

If you need something different let us know what kind of program you are looking for and we will do our best to arrange for something special. The maximum number of people per tour is 20 and most tours last from 45 minutes to an hour. If you have a large group we can set up a biofacts display with live animals in the Cisneros Paraje. In this case the maximum number of students allowed in the building at one time is 20. If you have more than 20 people in your group you can schedule them to come inside the building at staggered times.

For more information or to schedule programs call 532-8156 or fax your request to Anne Langenfeld at 915-521-1889. You can also send the information on the form above to [elpasozoosociety@aol.com](mailto:elpasozoosociety@aol.com). Teachers wanting to involve their students in special conservation projects should contact Rick LoBello, Curator of Education by calling 521-1884 or writing [rlobellopez@aol.com](mailto:rlobellopez@aol.com).

# Traveling Safari Programs

## "Animal Wrappers"

Target Age: Pre Kinder & Kinder

Ages 3 and up. Investigates the outer coverings of invertebrates, reptiles, birds and mammals through the use of educational bio-facts. Interactive. Live animals represent fur, feathers and scales. Children will not be allowed to touch reptiles.

## "Which Is It"

Target Age: 1st Grade

A program that introduces the characteristics of vertebrates. Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives of different animal groups and develop the skill of classifying animals by sight. Children will not be allowed to touch reptiles.

## "El Paso's Venomous Animals"

Target Age: All Ages

Slides and live animals teach audiences how to identify and recognize venomous animals of the area. Snakebite prevention measures are also covered. Live inverts and snakes only. Please provide a viewing screen. Children will not be allowed to touch the animals.

## "Rain Forest Revenues"

Target Age: 4th Grade

An in-depth look at rain forest plants and how we can stop the destruction. Live animals help to reinforce the program. Includes a slide show, please provide a screen.

## "Desert Food Web"

Target Age: 5th Grade

Who eats what? This program introduces students to the local Chihuahuan desert, its wildlife and survival strategies. Students will get a personal introduction to local wildlife and their relatives.

## "Hippo And Its Effects On Asian Animals"

Target Age: 6th Grade

This program is presented at the El Paso Zoo only and is presented in the Asian area to teach endangered animal causes and how we can help. HIPPO stands for the five for animal endangerment. Habitat (loss), Introduced (species), Population (growth), Pollution and Over consumption. A tour can be scheduled through the Education Department by calling 521-1884.